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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DPC REPORT ON ALLIANCE COOPERATION

1. WE BELIEVE THAT THE REQUIREMENT PLACED ON THE DPC DURING THE DECEMBER 1976 MINISTERIAL TO SUBMIT A FURTHER REPORT ON ALLIANCE COOPERATION IN DECEMBER OF 1977 HAS BEEN RENDERED IN LARGE PART REDUNDANT BY INSTITUTION OF THE NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM. FURTHERMORE, WE SEE A SEPARATE EFFORT TO DEVELOP SUCH A REPORT DETRACTING FROM DEVELOPMENT OF THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE DECEMBER 1976 MINISTERIAL TASKING BE MET AS PART OF THE INTERIM TASK FORCE PROGRESS REPORTS WHICH ARE ALSO TO BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS THIS FALL (RATHER THAN BY A SEPARATE REPORT), THE INTERIM REPORT TO BE FOLLOWED BY FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS MATTER AS PART OF THE DPC'S FINAL REPORT TO MINISTERS NEXT SPRING. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW IN PARAGRAPH 2 A DRAFT TEXT OF A LETTER TO SYG LUNS RECOMMENDING THIS COURSE OF ACTION. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY JULY 7.

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2. BEGIN TEXT OF RECOMMENDED LETTER:

AS YOU NOTED IN DPC/D(76)33, ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION BY MINISTERS IN DECEMBER OF 1976 MINISTERIAL WAS SUBMISSION, IN DECEMBER OF 1977, OF A FURTHER REPORT ON

ALLIANCE COOPERATION. AS PART OF THIS REPORT, THE ADE-
QUACY OF PRESENT NATO FORCE PLANNING TO DEAL WITH COOPERA-
TIVE PROGRAMS WAS TO BE ADDRESSED, TO INCLUDE REMEDIAL
RECOMMENDATIONS.

MY AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT THIS REQUIREMENT SHOULD BE MET
AS PART OF OUR WORK ON THE NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM
RATHER THAN AS A SEPARATE EFFORT, PARTICULARLY AS EACH TASK
FORCE IS ALREADY EXPECTED TO ASSESS CURRENT PROGRESS AND
PROBLEMS IN ITS FIELD, TO INCLUDE RELATED CURRENT COOPERA-
TIVE EFFORTS, AND ALSO TO ADDRESS THE ADEQUACY OF CURRENT
PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS/PROCEDURES. WE
THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT EACH TASK FORCE DIRECTOR BE ASKED
TO INCLUDE IN HIS INTERIM REPORT (1) THE STATUS OF CURRENT
ALLIANCE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN HIS AREA AND (2) HIS TASK
FORCE'S FIRST THOUGHTS ON THE ADEQUACY OF EXISTING
COOPERATIVE MECHANISMS.

WE BELIEVE THIS APPROACH WILL MORE EFFICIENTLY UTILIZE
LIMITED STAFF RESOURCES AND WILL PLACE THE EWG IN A BETTER
POSITION TO DRAFT A FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE RECOMMENDATION
ON THIS MATTER, BASED ON THE TASK FORCE FINAL REPORTS, FOR
DPC CONSIDERATION AND SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION TO MINISTERS
NEXT SPRING.

I AM SENDING COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO OUR COLLEAGUES ON
THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE.
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